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MEMORANDUM

TO: LME Directors

FROM: Steve Jordan

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RE: Report on MH/DD/SA Admissions to Hospital Emergency Departments

State law requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide information to Local Managing Entities (LMEs) on individuals with a diagnosis of a mental health, developmental disabilities, or substance abuse disorder who were admitted to community hospital emergency departments. The attached report provides the most current information available on those admissions.

This report provides summary data on admissions to community hospital emergency departments that took place during the fourth quarter of State Fiscal Year 2010-2011. Consistent with the first three quarters of State Fiscal Year 2010-2011, during the fourth quarter, approximately 13 percent of emergency department admissions statewide involved individuals with a primary or co-occurring diagnosis of mental health, developmental disabilities, or substance abuse disorder.

Please note that for State Fiscal Year 2010-2011 the reporting format for the Emergency Department Admissions report has changed. The Division is now providing data directly to the LMEs to allow analysis on the local level.

Please send questions via electronic mail to ContactDMHQuality@dhhs.nc.gov

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